Jang National Institute of Hearing Handicapped, Bombay, which is an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Welfare. A Vocational Rehabilitation Training Centre for the Handicapped is already functioning at Hyderabad under the Ministry of Labour to provide rehabilitation services to handicapped persons according to their physical and psychological capacities. The services offered by the Vocational Rehabilitation Centres include madical evaluation, vocational evaluation, skill development, rehabilitation and placement.

(c) No, Sir. In pursuance of its pacesetting and coordinating role, the schemes of the Government of India are operated in Andhra Pradesh as in other States. Primarily the responsibility for welfare and rehabilitation of handicapped lies with the State Governments: however, with the assistance of the Government of India, six non-governmental organisations have been assisted in 1987-88, in addition to District Rehabilitation Centre at Vijayawada and Training Centre for Adult Deaf and Vocational Rehabilitation Centre at Hyderabad.

(d) Does not arise.

**Action against Regional Manager (West)of NCCF for issue of fake receipt to the handling agent**

1737. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Regional Manager (West) of NCCF issued a fake receipt to the handling agent in 1981 towards receipt of 1300 Mts. non-basmati rice from HAFED at Kandla Port though no such stocKS were received by NCCF as per their books of accounts, for his personal gains; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take agamst the said Officer?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) NCCF have reported that they are examining the authenticity of the certificate which is alleged to have been issued by the the Regional Manager (West).

(b) Does not arise.

**Plans to help agriculture in backward areas of andhra pradesh**

1738. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of AG RICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to draw new plans and projects to help and market agricultural and farm produce in backward areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the n'umber of such schemes in operation and how many are planned to be operated in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the funds allocated to Andhra Pradesh for that purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Amount spent by Central overnment during Ave year plans**

1739. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of URBAN DE VELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the amounts of money spent, to wn-wise by the Central Government. During the Sixth Five Year Plan period as well as the details of the amounts being spent, town-wise during the current Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the details of amounts of money proposed to be spent by the Central Government during the forthcoming Eighth Five Year Plan period, town-wise details for all the States of north-eastern region for their development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The details of funds released under the two Centrally Sponsored schemes of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns & Urban Basic Services are given in the Annexures *[See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure Nos. 98 and 99 respectively].

(b) Towns under the Scheme of IDSMT are allocated on Plan to Plan basis. The release of Central assistance to various States would depend on various factors like (i) 8th Plan over-all allocations; (ii) State-wise allocaton of towns, (iii) progress of implementation achieved by the State from time to time, etc.

**उड़ीसा में विकलांग व्यक्तियों और आदिवासियों के लिए रोज़गार**

1740. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश की सभी राज्यों, विशेषकर उड़ीसा में विकलांग व्यक्तियों और आदिवाल सियों को रोज़गार कार्यालयों में नाम दर्ज कराये जाने के दो-दो वर्षों के बाद भी रोज़गार प्रदान नहीं किया जाता जबकि इन व्यक्तियों को प्राथमिकता के आधार पर प्रोत्साहन दिया जाना चाहिए;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनके क्या कारण हैं और

(ग) यदि नहीं तो क्या इस बारे में कोई अनियमितता सरकार के ध्यान में आई है और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

**श्रम मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री राधा कृष्ण मालवीय:** (क) और (ख) रोज़गार कार्यालयों में पंजीकृत रोज़गार चाहने वाले व्यक्तियों, जिनमें विकलांग तथा आदिवासी वयक्ति सम्मिलित हैं, की नियुक्ति उनके लिए अधिसूचित रिक्तियों पर निर्भर करती है। अधिसूचित रिक्तियों तथा रोज़गार कार्यालयों में पंजीकृत उम्मीदवारों में बहुत अधिक अंतर होने के कारण, कुछ प्रतीक्षा अवधि होने की सम्भावना है जो अलग-अलग राज्यों तथा व्यवसायों के अनुसार भिन्न होती है। तदनुसार, उड़ीसा तथा कई अन्य राज्यों में, विकलांग तथा आदिवासी उम्मीदवारों के लिए भी प्रतीक्षा अवधि दो वर्ष से अधिक है। तथापि, विकलांग तथा आदिवासी उम्मीदवारों को व्यवसायों की विभिन्न श्रेणियों में उनके लिए आरक्षित कोटा का लाभ मिलता है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

**Khus khus plantation for soil andmoisture conservation**

1741. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank experts advocate the Khus-khus or vativer grass planting as a vegetative method of soil and moisture conservation;

(b) whether the suitability and usefulness of this plant for soil conservation has been demonstrated in World Bank aided projects in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) if the resutls are encouraging what are the reasons for not popularising this practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The khus or vativer grass is being used for soil and moisture conservation as hedge plant in many parts of the country from time immemprial. The World Bank experts only located it and gave impetus for the propagation of this technology in a larger area.

(b) On preliminary observation, the khus or vativer is found to be useful